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Edwin Ford Piper

“I put her there, an’ there she stays,
If I got to wade in blood!
“I’ll wade in blood to my belt gets red,
I’ll wade in blood to my chin!”
I answered back like a feller does
On a couple of jolts of gin.
It seemed like there was too much talk;
So the doin’s, they begin.
It was boots and spurs and hat and gun
In a hole by a willow tree;
And that was how we planted him
Where the line fence ought to be.

Edwin Ford Piper

CARE

Care now lies
Where Care was not,
Shoved in the corner
But not forgot—
Care, in the corner.
I would call Laughter
Out of the trees;
But Laughter has bird-eyes,
And Laughter sees
Care, in the corner.

Janet Norris Bangs